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SIRTF FIRST LOOK SURVEY

*The SIRTF First Look Survey*



## Overview of the First Look Survey SIRTF

- ◆ **What:** A survey to characterize the sky at the sensitivity levels easily achieved by SIRTF, to aid the first wave of observers
  - *Target of 100 hours of Director's Discretionary Time*
  - *3 components: Extragalactic, Galactic, & Solar System*
- ◆ **Why:** The loss of WIRE deprived the community of knowledge of the mid-infrared sky (esp. at 24  $\mu\text{m}$ ) at faint flux levels
  - *FLS recommended by Williams Committee*
- ◆ **When:** FLS observations to occur right after the observatory is commissioned. Data products to be publicly available as soon as they are deemed reliable.
  - *Survey plan must be robust against changes in launch date*
- ◆ **Who:** The SSC will lead the FLS effort, with Instrument Team involvement, and community input
  - *Community Workshop held in Sept. 1999*
- ◆ **Details:** "First Look Survey" link at <http://sirtf.caltech.edu>





## FLS Extragalactic Component



- ◆ Preliminary plan: map 5 sq.deg. with IRAC & MIPS at "shallow" level, roughly one minute per pixel on sky
  - 4 sq.deg within Constant Viewing Zone, in area of lowest cirrus near 17h15m+59d30m, where  $I(100\mu\text{m})=1\text{-}2\text{ MJy/sr}$
  - 1 sq.deg location depends on sky visible at end of IOC:
    - ◆ in near-CVZ area of low cirrus at 16h20+54d30' (ELAIS N1 field), where  $I(100\mu\text{m})=0.4\text{ MJy/sr}$  (accessible from end of IOC to Sep 2002),
    - ◆ OR within CVZ if area above not accessible at start of science mission
- ◆ Within above area, a verification survey of  $\leq 0.25$  sq.deg, covered with much greater redundancy, with both IRAC & MIPS
- ◆ Ancillary data planned (will be available after processing):
  - NOAO has committed to optical survey, to  $R(5\sigma)\sim 25.5\text{mag}$
  - Sloan has agreed to observe FLS fields (details to be worked out)
  - Proposal submitted for VLA survey at 1.4GHz to  $5\sigma = 90\text{ micro-Jy}$
  - Options under study for near-IR survey to  $K\sim 18\text{mag}$





# Preliminary layout of CVZ field on 100 um map

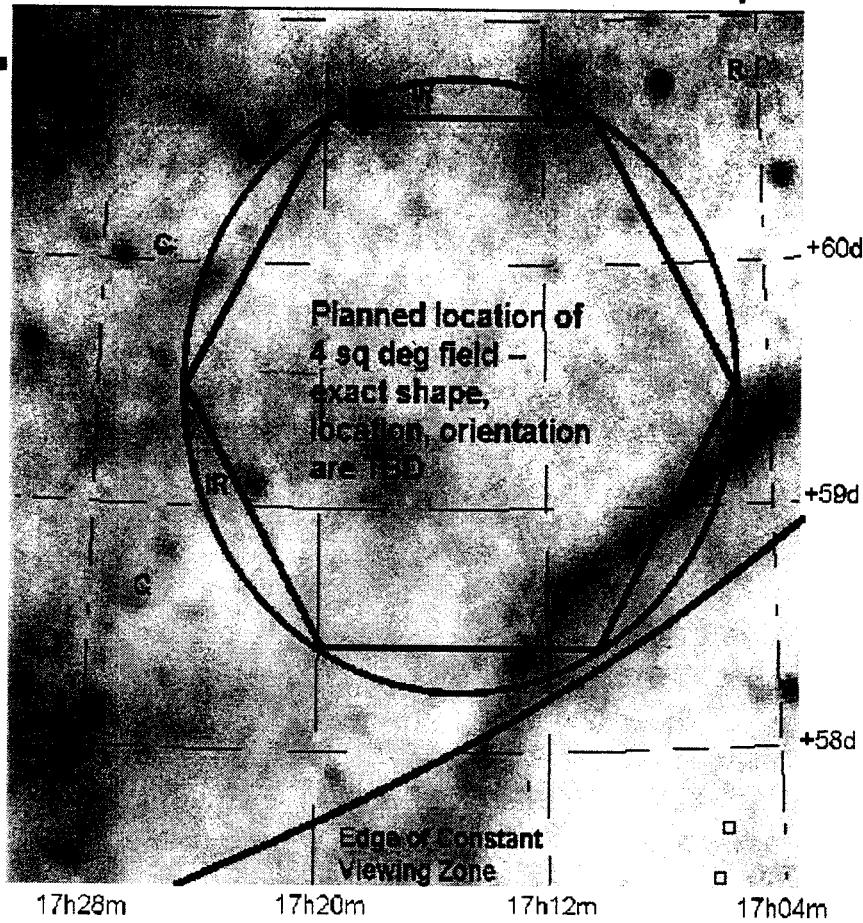
**SIRTf**

## Legend:

R=Bright  
Radio Source

IR=Bright IR  
source (any  
IRAS band)

C=Calibrator  
Candidate





# FLS Extragalactic Details

**SIRTf**

- ◆ “Shallow” survey in MIPS scan-map with 5 passes at fast speed:
  - ◆ Total T(integration)= 75 seconds at 24 and 70 $\mu$ m. T(int)=15 sec at 160  $\mu$ m
  - ◆ Depth reached is 1.3 mJy at 24  $\mu$ m; confusion-limited at 160  $\mu$ m
  - ◆ Rate=1deg<sup>2</sup> per 4 hours. Estimates for a 5 deg<sup>2</sup>, 20 hr survey:

| Lambda | 5-sigma  | Gain/past | Src Count |                            |  |  |
|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 24     | 1.3 mJy  | ~100      | ~400      |                            |  |  |
| 70     | 4.5 mJy  | ~50       | ~1,500    |                            |  |  |
| 160    | 27.0 mJy | ~8*       | ~2,500    | * ISO covered a few sq deg |  |  |

- ◆ “Shallow” IRAC survey, four bands simultaneously:
  - ◆ T(integration) = 5 $\times$  12 sec per point; requires ~5hr per deg<sup>2</sup>.
  - ◆ Estimates for 5 deg<sup>2</sup>, 25 hour survey:

| Lambda    | 5-sigma  | Gain/past | Src Count | z(L* Ellip) |                     |           |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 3.6 & 4.5 | 0.04 mJy | >>1       | stars+?   | ~1          |                     |           |
| 5.8       | 0.04 mJy | ~1*       | stars+?   | ~0.4        | * ISO covered a few |           |
| 8.0       | 0.06 mJy | ~1*       | ~1500     | ~0.3        |                     | sq arcmin |

- ◆ Verification may use same, or more integration time per sighting





## FLS Galactic Component



- ◆ Plan: characterize cirrus and source counts at low Galactic latitudes in two strips, with IRAC and MIPS at “shallow” extragalactic level:
  - At  $\ell=285^\circ$ , a strip 5' wide and running  $-30^\circ < b < 0^\circ$ 
    - ◆ Fully sampled for  $-10^\circ < b < 0^\circ$ , but partially filled in for  $-30^\circ < b < -10^\circ$
  - At  $\ell=150^\circ$ , a strip 5' wide and running  $0^\circ < b < 10^\circ$
  - Strips can shift in longitude if launch delayed several months
- ◆ One strip for characterizing cirrus and source counts toward molecular cloud
  - A 5' by  $2^\circ$  strip through Cham II cloud centered at 12h50m-77d (available from Feb 01 2002 to Sep 18 2002)
  - Backup clouds in case of launch slip are under study
  - Same MIPS depth as in extragalactic plan, but 10x more time in IRAC
- ◆ No pre-launch ancillary data recommended





## FLS Solar System Component



- ◆ Goal: Characterize the moving object population (number counts, diameters, scale heights), and characterize the zodiacal light
- ◆ 2 fields of 0.2 sq deg each
  - *one in the ecliptic and the other 10-15 degrees out of ecliptic*
  - *110-120 degrees solar elongation, pointing back towards the Earth*
  - *fields are independent of launch date, except avoid Galactic Plane*
- ◆ 3 passes with IRAC in each field to detect moving objects
  - *2-3 hours between each pass*
  - *0.06 mJy detection limit with IRAC (8.0 microns)*
- ◆ 1 wider area pass with MIPS to detect objects found by IRAC
  - *1.3 mJy detection limit for MIPS (24 microns)*
- ◆ In ecliptic, detect 108 asteroids with IRAC, 56 asteroids with MIPS, many with diameter less than 1 km
- ◆ Simultaneous ground-based visual observations required
  - *to V=25 if possible*

